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NURSING NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL

THE AMERICAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION

The following statement of changes made or contemplated in the organization of the American Nurses' Association was mailed to all association and individual members of that association during July. It is repeated here to give it still wider circulation.

The amendments sent out in printed form with the notice of the convention were approved. These provide for the following changes:

Permanent Members. After 1918, no new permanent members are to be created and it is hoped that the present permanent members will, at that time, resign, so as to simplify the form of membership and avoid duplication.

Advisory Council. A state president may be represented in the Advisory Council by an alternate.

Nominating Committee. Nominating blanks may be signed by the president *or* secretary of an organization, instead of by both.

Sections. Sections representing different branches of nursing work may be created by the directors on request. Members of sections may choose their own officers and make their own by-laws, provided the latter do not conflict with those of the American Nurses' Association. (Two such sections have been created, on Private Duty Nursing and on Mental Hygiene.)

Changes which had not been sent out in advance, at least not in completed form, and which were adopted by unanimous vote of the delegates were these:

Chairmen of Sections are made members of the Advisory Council.

Finance Committee. A Finance Committee was created, to consist of the treasurer of the Association and two members appointed by the president. This Committee will make out a budget of expense for the year and will advise concerning expenditures. Its findings are to be ratified by the Board of Directors.

State and Local Relief Fund Committees are provided for. This subject is explained more fully in a letter sent to the secretaries of all state associations by the chairman of the Relief Fund Committee.

National Charter. The delegates authorized the Revision Committee to secure if possible a national charter instead of retaining our present incorporation under the laws of New York State. This involves having the principal office of the corporation in Washington which, at present, merely means having a permanent mailing address there, but it might in time lead to establishing central headquarters in that city. Should the efforts of the Revision Committee be successful, the presidents of the other affiliated national organizations are again to be made ex-officio members of the Board of Directors of the American Nurses' Association.

Biennial Conventions. Conventions are to be held biennially after 1918. That is, they are to be held in 1917, 1918, and every two years thereafter. This will necessitate a change in the length of term of the directors, a by-law to provide for which will be presented at the next convention.

A new membership clause was adopted, as follows:

"Membership in this association shall consist of the members in good standing in the state associations belonging to it, such members of the state associations being graduates of training schools connected with general hospitals giving

a continuous training in the hospital of not less than two years, or giving an equivalent training in one or more hospitals. This training must include practical experience in caring for men, women and children, together with theoretical and practical instruction in medical, surgical, obstetrical and children's nursing.

"The daily average number of patients shall be that established by the state nurses' association in the state from which the applicant comes, for admission to membership.

"In those states where nurse practice laws have been secured, registration shall be an additional qualification."

Associations may be admitted under the old membership clause until the next convention, but the states are urged to revise their constitution and by-laws to accord with those of the American Nurses' Association and to be ready for admission on the new membership basis as soon as possible after the 1917 convention.

The District Plan of Representation, as presented by the Revision Committee was accepted. This plan includes provision for the districting of states, for the representation from the districts to the state on the basis of one to fifty, and for the representation through the state to the American Nurses' Association, on the same basis, one delegate to fifty members. The dues for the American Nurses' Association, as outlined in the district plan, are fifteen cents per capita. The definite by-laws covering these points are yet to be worked out by the Revision Committee, but the main points were thoroughly discussed, approved and adopted. State officers should bear in mind that if their state is already well organized into counties it need not be re-districted, but each county may be made a district.

It will be seen that members coming into the American Nurses' Association after 1918, must come through their state associations. The dues to their district or county associations should include the dues to state and to national. The method of districting, the amount of dues to be paid to the state and local associations, and the method of state and local reorganization are left for the state and local associations to work out as is best for them. Suggested forms for by-laws for state and district organizations have been prepared by the Revision Committee and may be had on application to the secretary of the American Nurses' Association or to the chairman of the Revision Committee, Sarah E. Sly, Birmingham, Michigan. Miss Sly will be glad to confer with associations needing her advice. State and district associations are urged to send their proposed by-laws to the Revision Committee, before final adoption, in order to have the advice of its members as to whether these conflict in any way with the national by-laws.

It is urged upon all associations that they consider including in their dues the subscription to the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, which will be given at a special rate for this purpose.

State and local associations are urged to appoint, as soon as possible, committees on revision to coöperate in working out the reorganization plan. It is suggested by the Revision Committee of the American Nurses' Association that it would be well to have as members of the state and local committees, as far as is possible, delegates who attended the convention at New Orleans, as they would be familiar with the details of the plan.

A meeting of the Advisory Council will be called for January if a sufficient number of state associations desire it or think it is needed. Requests for such a meeting should be sent to the secretary of the American Nurses' Association not later than November 1.

All these proposed changes in membership regulations were needed in order to simplify and make legal the composition of the American Nurses' Association, but two years are given the states for working out the proposed change and all possible help will be extended to them in the process of readjustment. It is hoped that all affiliated associations will take hold of the problem with enthusiasm and with faith in its ultimate success,

NURSES' RELIEF FUND, REPORT FOR JULY, 1916

Receipts

Previously acknowledged, July 1, 1916	$2,407.14	
Interest on bonds and certificates	166.25	
Olive E. Holmes, Carthage, Mo.	1.00	
Methodist Episcopal Hospital Alumnae Assn., Philadelphia, Pa.	15.00	
Ruth Shaw, Kane Summit Hospital, Pa.	1.00	
Marion C. Prentiss, Chicago, Ill.	1.00	
Henrietta K. Tucker, Fitchburg, Mass.	1.00	
Mary J. Lister, Fitchburg, Mass.	1.00	
Ida M. Stuntz, Evanston, Ill.	1.00	
St. Joseph's Hospital Alumnae Association, Chicago, Ill.	10.00	
Kathryn M. Quaing, Bellevue, Ky.	1.00	
Anna L. Slater, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.	1.00	
S. Isabel Jarvis, Chicago, Ill.	1.00	
St. Luke's Hospital Alumnae Association, Chicago, Ill.	25.00	
Minnesota State Graduate Nurses' Association	25.00	
Mary M. Roberts, Cincinnati, Ohio	3.00	
Rubie L. Cameron, Worcester, Mass.	2.00	
Jefferson Medical College Alumnae Association, Philadelphia, Pa.	50.00	
Philadelphia Polyclinic Nurses' Alumnae Association, Pa.	10.00	
Mrs. Mary E. Shafer, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.	3.00	
Belle Kramer, Chicago, Ill.	1.00	
Rhoda Achworth, Waldoboro, Maine	1.00	
A. F. Steffen, Litchfield, Minnesota	1.00	
Mrs. Ada I. Hapgood, Worcester, Mass.	1.00	$2,729.39

Disbursements

July 1.		
Application approved Number 1—18th payment	$10.00	
Application approved Number 2— 7th payment	5.00	
Application approved Number 4— 6th payment	15.00	
Application approved Number 5— 3rd payment	10.00	
Application approved Number 6— 3rd payment	10.00	50.00
		$2,679.39
13 bonds		13,000.00
2 certificates of stock		2,000.00
Balance Aug. 1, 1916		$17,679.39

Contributions for the Relief Fund should be sent to Mrs. C. V. Twiss, Treasurer, 419 West 144th St., New York City, and cheques made payable to the Farmers Loan and Trust Company, New York City.

For information address Mrs. W. L. Crass, Montesano, Washington.

M. Louise Twiss, R. N., *Treasurer.*

The summer school of Columbia University started with a registration of over 8000 students. Of these 93 were registered in the Department of Nursing and Health. They represent all branches of nursing work, and come from all parts of the country, several from such distant states as Texas and California. The summer term is too short to undertake any complete or extensive course of study, but it has undoubtedly proven helpful to busy workers who are unable to leave their positions for the longer period and to former students who wish to supplement their regular course and possibly work toward a degree.

The Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy issues its prospectus of Special Courses for Public Health Nurses for the coming winter, one lasting throughout the year, the other for four months. Among the instructors are Graham Taylor, Edna L. Foley, Minnie H. Ahrens, Rose Mackay, Helen W. Kelly, Elnora Thomson, Dr. George T. Palmer, Carolyn van Blarcom and others well known in social work. Inquiries should be addressed to the Dean of the School at 2559 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

ARMY NURSE CORPS

Appointments: Anna Ednie, graduate of Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; Flora Henzel, Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mildred L. Johnson, Connecticut Training School, New Haven General Hospital, New Haven, Conn., and post graduate of Illinois Training School, Chicago, Ill.; Alice E. Duffy, St. Joseph's Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jeanette R. Michener, Chester County Hospital, West Chester, Pa.; Elsie L. Weigand, General Hospital, Elizabeth, N. J.; Augusta H. Timos, Los Angeles County Hospital, Los Angeles, Calif.; Louise M. Fuchs, Charity Hospital, Shreveport, La.; Florence I. Barnhart, Homeopathic Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa., post graduate Magee Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bertha E. Buell, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, Conn.; Anna E. Coffey, Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Nellie E. McGovern, Manhattan State Hospital, New York, N. Y., post graduate Bellevue Hospital, New York, N. Y.; Anna R. Smith, Orthopedic Hospital and Infirmary for Nervous Diseases, Philadelphia, Pa.; Melicent E. King, Rockford Hospital, Rockford, Ill., post graduate Illinois Training School, Chicago, Ill.; Helen M. Roberts, Buffalo General Hospital, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mary S. Holden, St. Joseph's Hospital, Reading, Pa.; Emily Baus, Katherine T. Sullivan and Isabelle Smith, City Hospital, Worcester, Mass.; Margaret M. Redmond, Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, N. H.; Mary L. Alhorn, Norton Memorial Hospital, Louisville, Ky.; Wilhelmina M. Dusossoit, Cooley-Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, Mass.; assigned to duty at the Walter Reed General Hospital, Takoma Park, D. C.; Carrie V. Conklin and Martha H. Madsen, Madison General Hospital, Madison, Wis.; Bell Mead, St. Luke's Hospital, Spokane, Wash.; Abigail A. Mahoney, St. Francis Hospital, La Crosse, Wis.; Burdena Johnston, Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, Ill.; Edith A. Mury, Waldeck Hospital, San Francisco, Calif.; Ella Twidwell, St. Luke's Hospital, Spokane, Wash.; assigned to duty at the Letterman General Hospital,

San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Lucy B. Caldwell, All Saints Hospital, McAlester, Okla.; assigned to duty at Base Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.; Olive F. Heath, Sisters' Hospital, Los Angeles, Calif.; Augusta Aksamit, Centenary Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.; assigned to duty at Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark. Mary C. Beecroft, New York Hospital, N. Y. assigned to duty at Fort Bayard, N. M.

Re-appointment: Evangeline G. Bovard, Oil City Hospital, Oil City, Pa. assigned to duty at the Walter Reed General Hospital, Takoma Park, D. C.

Transfers: To Base Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas: Florence M. Bailly, Mina S. Keenan, Katherine I. Herron, Margaret M. Fitzgerald, Augusta H. Timos, Edith I. Barlow, Mary J. Burrell, Flora Henzel, Esther M. Hottenstein, Jeanette R. Michener, Elsie L. Weigand. To Army General Hospital, Fort Bayard, N. M.: Anna Croxson, Anna L. Schultze, Frances Voelkel. To Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Calif.: Katherine Dwyer. To Camp Hospital, Brownsville, Texas: Sophy M. Burns, with assignment to duty as chief nurse; Miriam Cleghorn, Alta C. Melott, Elizabeth Valine Messner, Bessie P. Seger, Florence I. Barnhart, Anna E. Coffey, Alice E. Duffy, Anna M. Duryea, Louise M. Fuchs, Mildred L. Johnson, Melicent E. King, Nellie E. McGovern, Evelyn E. Mericle, Agnes F. James, Sayres L. Milliken. To Walter Reed General Hospital, Takoma Park, D. C.: Bernice E. Hanson, Lena B. Mead.

Discharges: Florence E. Taylor, Maud C. Powley, Lydia Latham.

Contracts annulled: Augusta H. Timos, Lulu S. Davis.

DORA E. THOMPSON,
Superintendent Army Nurse Corps.

Colorado.—THE COLORADO STATE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS will meet at the Capitol Building, Denver, September 16–22, 1916, to examine applicants for registration. Louise Perrin, secretary, State House, Denver.—THE COLORADO STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION will hold its fall meeting in Colorado Springs, on Labor Day, September 4. **Colorado Springs.**—ANNA M. DRAKE, Monroe Street Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, has taken the position of supervising nurse at the Woodmen's Sanitarium. **Longmont.**—THE LONGMONT HOSPITAL is being enlarged by an annex, which will almost double its capacity. M. CORDELIA COWAN, the superintendent, spent the month of June in the laboratory of the City and County Hospital of Denver.

Connecticut: New London.—THE JOSEPH LAWRENCE FREE PUBLIC HOSPITAL TRAINING SCHOOL held graduating exercises for the classes of 1915 and 1916, June 7. Eleven nurses were in the classes, the first to graduate from the school. The invocation was by Rev. Philip M. Kerridge, and an address was given by Dr. Carlisle F. Perrin. Diplomas were presented by Dr. John G. Stanton, and school pins and companion cases by the president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the hospital board, Mrs. Nicholas M. Pond.

Illinois: Chicago.—THE INFANT WELFARE BOARD has granted a leave of absence of three months to the superintendent, Minnie H. Ahrens, in order that she may devote her time to the work of executive-secretary for the Local Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service and First Aid classes. Marie T. Phelan is acting-superintendent in the absence of Miss Ahrens. THE FIRST DISTRICT OF THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION has received the gift of a house from the Sprague estate, to be used as a club-house, a description of which, with illustrations, will be published later.

Indiana: Fort Wayne.—EDITH HARTWELL, class of 1905, Hope Hospital, has accepted a position with the Board of Health at Highland Park, Michigan.

Iowa: Des Moines.—SEMI-ANNUAL examinations for state registration were held July 25–27, 160 nurses were present. **Sioux City.**—THE SAMARITAN HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION held its annual meeting in May and elected the following officers: president, Bertha Ewer; vice-presidents, Anna Dale, Augusta Olson; secretary-treasurer, Helen C. Peterson. NELLIE PORTER, former superintendent of Samaritan Hospital, has taken a four months' course in the Chicago Lying-in Hospital, and will take the position as superintendent of Sartori Memorial Hospital of Cedar Rapids. ELIZABETH RUNGE, Samaritan Hospital, has accepted the position as night supervisor at the hospital, and Florence Mentor will take charge of the operating room. EDITH GAYLORD, Samaritan Hospital, has returned to Foochow, China, to resume her work as medical missionary, after a three months' leave of absence. MARY D. IMRIE has accepted the position as superintendent of the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Custer, South Dakota. JENNIE SUTHERLAND has gone to New York, to engage in relief work in a hospital for crippled and ruptured children. SAMARITAN HOSPITAL TRAINING SCHOOL held its twenty-first commencement exercises on May 29, in the First Unitarian Church. The opening address was given by Dr. J. N. Warren and the chief address by Rev. J. R. Perkins. Diplomas were presented by the president of the hospital board, G. R. Witmer, to nine nurses. The Alumnae Association held its third reunion and banquet with a reception for the new graduates, on May 31, at the West Hotel. Thirteen classes were represented by a total of thirty-six nurses, the 1913 class having five members present. Edith Gaylord gave an interesting talk on her work in China. **Davenport.**—MERCY HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION entertained the members of the graduating class at a dinner at Hotel Blackhawk, June 20. The last business meeting for the season was held in July. IRENE STRANSKY, class of 1915, Mercy Hospital, has entered the convent of the Sisters of Mercy.

Maryland.—THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES will hold an examination for state registration October 16–20, 1916 All applications, including those for reexamination, must be filed with the secretary on or before September 30. Mary Cary Packard, secretary, 1211 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Md. **Baltimore.**—THE MARYALND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its regular monthly meeting at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, on July 30. Mr. Stevens of Arden, Pennsylvania, spoke on Single Tax. SARAH F. MARTIN, who has been for several years in charge of the administration of the ten hour law for working women, has resigned, and after a much-needed rest and recuperation, will take up new work.

Massachusetts.—**Correction:** Notice of the Massachusetts State Board of Examiners for Nurses, published in the August issue of the JOURNAL, contained an error not due to this office. It should read, "The Massachusetts Board of Registration of Nurses will hold an examination for applicants for registration on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 10 and 11, 1916, at Boston, Massachusetts. Application for any examination must be *filed* at least five days before the examination date." Walter P. Bowers, M.D., secretary, State House, Boston. **Boston.**—HARVARD UNIVERSITY plans to keep a force of seventy-five nurses to staff the Harvard Unit General Hospital, Number 22, until the war is over. To take the places of the nurses and doctors who are leaving in September, a unit of twelve nurses and fourteen doctors under the leadership of Dr. D. F. Jones, sailed on

August 17. This unit will be increased by six American nurses, now working at the American Women's Hospital, Paignton, England, who will unite with the main body in London. The following nurses compose the unit: Catherine M. Fraser, and Helen Joy Hinkley, class of 1913; Margaret Ferguson and Marie W. C. Ells, class of 1914; Ethel Belle Davis, class of 1908, Massachusetts General Hospital; Mary Parsons, Waltham Hospital, Waltham, Massachusetts; Robina Smith, Miriam Benedict and Grace B. Middlemas, New England Deaconess Hospital; Victoria Thompson, Union Hospital, Fall River, Massachusetts. Eva Janette Burke, Elliot Hospital, Keene, New Hampshire; Amy F. Tremaine, Newport Hospital, Newport, Rhode Island; M. Allene Clinch, Newton Hospital, Newton, Massachusetts; Bessie A. M. Ford, Melrose Hospital, Melrose, Massachusetts. Ruth Weller, Winifred Royes, Ruth L. Whittier and Edith M. Newnham, complete the unit. THE BOSTON NURSES' CLUB moved from 839 Boylston Street, to The Fenway, 1126 Boylston Street, about September 1. This move will bring the club nearer the hospital center which has been receiving so many of the smaller hospitals since the building of the Peter Bent Brigham. The group of nurses working at the club for the hospitals of the Allies has been busy all summer preparing and forwarding supplies to meet the increased demand. The average output since January has been three cases per month. This has been made possible by the persistent energy of some of the workers and by the kind contributions of friends and patients. THE BABY HYGIENE ASSOCIATION now has seventeen nurses on the nursing staff. The Boston City Federation of Women's Clubs supports an extra nurse in the South Boston district. Contributions for a new station at Grove Hall in the Dorchester district have reached $300. The effectiveness of the work is due to the intimate relationship between mothers, nurses, and doctors. **Newton Lower Falls.**—MARY M. RIDDLE has resumed her duties at the Newton Hospital, after a year of rest. The nurses of the school gave her a reception after her return. Bertha Allan, a graduate of the school, who was acting superintendent during Miss Riddle's absence, will take a rest and then assume the position as superintendent of the General Hospital, Lowell. Before leaving the Newton Hospital, she was given a beautiful brooch by the alumnae association, and a pendant by the students of the school.

Minnesota: Brainerd.—THE NORTHERN PACIFIC BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION HOSPITAL held its eleventh graduating exercises on June 8, on the hospital grounds. Dr. W. H. Buskirk, of Miles City, Montana, gave the address. Six nurses graduated. The Alumnae Association held a special meeting, on June 9, to elect the new graduates as members. The senior class gave them, as a commencement gift, their dues to the alumnae, for the first year, and after the meeting entertained them at the nurses' home.

Nebraska: Omaha.—GERTRUDE GILPIN, class of 1909, Omaha General Hospital, is taking a course in massage at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. **Correction.**—In the July JOURNAL it was stated that Mae Davis, registrar of the Nurses' Central Club and Registry, Omaha, was a graduate of the General Hospital. This is a mistake, Miss Davis having graduated from the Douglas County Hospital, Omaha. **Hastings.**—VIOLETTE L. BALL, has succeeded Ellen Lindhold as superintendent of nurses at the Nebraska Sanitarium. **Lincoln.**—THE LINCOLN HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION was organized in May, and the following officers have been elected: president, Gail E. Howard; vice-president, Katherine Harswick; treasurer, Anna Anderson; recording secretary, Altha Norwell; corresponding secretary, Harriet Arnold. Meetings will be held three times a year.

The Lincoln Sanitarium Training School was the first one to be established in the city and is now the largest. THE NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS has issued a pamphlet containing a proposed course of study, a list of text and reference books for schools of nurses, regulations and requirements for their use and guidance, and a copy of the law governing registration which is compulsory.

New York.—THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION will hold its annual meeting in Buffalo October 18–19, with an added session on the morning of October 20. The Hotel Lafayette has been chosen as the official headquarters. Rates from $1.50 to $6.00 per day. As it may be necessary to conduct a vigorous legislative campaign during the coming year, the delegates are requested to come prepared to pledge contributions for this work. Owing to the changes in the by-laws, the annual dues are now payable in advance, not later than September 15, 1916. Credential cards for the delegates will not be sent to the affiliated associations unless the dues are so paid. **Rochester.**—THE TRIENNIAL CONVENTION OF FIELD REPRESENTATIVES of the Great Northern Territory of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company was held in Rochester August 1. Among those present were twenty-five nurses employed by the company. A feature of the evening, after the dinner, was an exhibition of moving pictures, showing the discretion exercised in the selection of employees and their after-care and treatment. The sanatorium for those who are ill, even including tuberculosis, which the company maintains at Mt. McGregor, is apparently a model of its kind, and every opportunity for recovery is given them, free of charge. **Troy.**—THE TROY HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION held a meeting at the hospital on July 3rd, and elected the following officers: president, Helen Roarke; vice-president, B. Nooman; financial secretary, Catherine Corcoran; treasurer, Anna Moran; recording secretary, May Agnes Walsh.

Pennsylvania: Philadelphia.—THE MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION held its regular monthly meeting on June 7, at the hospital. Twelve new members were admitted and the delegate to the National Convention, Mrs. Kratz, gave an interesting report. Miss Cole has distributed the Mile of Nickels strips and it is hoped they will meet with success. The Misses Graham and Bowling spoke on Preparedness for Protection, giving a most instructive and interesting talk. THE WOMAN'S HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION has had a profitable year. Generous donations have been given to the nursing service where needed. There has been a steady increase in the enrollment of new members. On May 18, the association entertained the graduating class of thirteen members. The class expects to join the association in a body at the October meeting. Ruth Halm, class of 1909, who has been home on a furlough from service under the Mission Board of the Reformed Church of Reading, Pennsylvania, has given very interesting talks. Miss Halm has returned to her work in Yochow City, China, for another period of five years. Miss Guthrie represented the association at the convention in New Orleans. Miss Greaney was prevented from attending by ill health. The next regular meeting will be held on October 11, at the hospital, and it is hoped every member will be present. Officers for the year are: president, Mrs. Sara S. Entwisle; corresponding secretary, Margaret Coe; recording secretary, Bertha M. Seldomridge; treasurer, Anna Peters.

South Dakota: Rapid City—THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES was organized in the club room of the Carnegie Library, on July 11–12 The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Elizabeth Dry-

borough, Rapid City; vice-presidents, Ivo B. Dyar, Brookings; Irene Labrie, Redfield; recording secretary, Don Lane Wertenberger, Mystic; corresponding secretary, Nellie Card, Rapid City; treasurer, Estella McGill, Vale; auditor, Dora Malhiot Taylor, Rapid City. The next meeting will be held in Pierre.

Virginia.—The law for the state registration of nurses, approved March 16, 1916, has been amended to read as follows:

An Act to amend and re-enact sections 2, 4, and 5, of an act entitled an act to regulate the professional nursing of the sick in the State of Virginia, approved May 14, 1903, and to add an independent section to said act, designated as section 13.

1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of Virginia, That sections two, four and five, of an act entitled an act to regulate the professional nursing of the sick in the State of Virginia, approved May fourteenth, nineteen hundred and three, be amended and re-enacted and an independent section, designated as section thirteen be added, so as to read as follows:

2. The members of the State board of examiners of registered nurses shall, before entering on the discharge of their duties, make and file with the secretary of the Commonwealth the constitutional oath of office. They shall as soon as organized, and annually thereafter in the month of January, elect from their number a president and secretary, who shall be the treasurer. The treasurer, before entering upon his or her duties, shall file a bond with the secretary of the Commonwealth for such sum as shall be required of him or her by said secretary of Commonwealth. The board shall adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent with this act to govern its proceedings, and also a seal, and the secretary shall have the care and custody thereof, and he or she shall keep a record of all proceedings of the board, including a register of the names of all nurses duly registered under this act, which shall be open at all reasonable times to public scrutiny, and the board shall cause the prosecution of all persons violating any of the provisions of this act, and may incur necessary expense on that behalf. The secretary of the board may receive a salary, which may be fixed by the board, and which shall not exceed five hundred dollars ($500), per annum; she or he shall also receive traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of her or his official duties. The other members of the board shall receive the sum of four dollars for each day actually engaged in this service, and all legitimate and necessary expenses incurred in attending the meeting of said board. Said expenses and salaries shall be paid from the fees received by the board under the provisions of this act, and no part of the salary or other expenses of the board shall be paid out of the State treasury. All money received in excess of said per diem allowance and other expenses provided for shall be held by the treasurer as a special fund for meeting the expenses of said board and the cost of (annual) reports of the proceedings of said board.

4. Provision shall be made by the board hereby constituted for holding examinations at least twice in each year. All examinations shall be made directly by said board or a committee of two members designated by the board, and due notice of the time and place of holding such examination as in the case provided for the publication of the rules and regulations of said board. The examination shall be of such character as to determine the fitness of the applicant to practice professional nursing of the sick. If the result of the examination of any applicant shall be satisfactory to a majority of the board, the secretary shall, upon an order of the board, issue to the applicant a certificate to that effect; where-

upon the person named on the certificate shall be declared duly licensed to practice professional nursing in this State.

5. The applicant who desires to practice professional nursing shall furnish satisfactory evidence that she or he is more than twenty-one (21) years of age, is of good moral character, has received sufficient preliminary education as may be determined by the board, and has graduated from a training school of a hospital giving practice in medical, surgical, and obstetrical nursing, either through and under the hospital organization, or by affiliation, and maintaining the standards required by the board, and where at least two years' training in the hospital and systematic courses of instruction are given, provided that the applicant must have attended for at least two years the said training school from which she graduated. Every applicant for registration shall pay a fee of ten dollars upon filing the application.

13. The board of examiners upon written application, together with such references and proof of identification as the board may by rule prescribe may issue a certificate without examination to any person who shall have been registered as a registered nurse under the law of any other State, the requirements of which for securing such registration were at the time of issuance thereof equivalent to the requirements prescribed by this act, and which gives the same privilege to registered nurses of this State.

West Virginia.—THE WEST VIRGINIA GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION will hold its eleventh annual convention at Martinsburg, September 26–28. The headquarters for nurses will be at Hotel Berkeley, with rates as follows: American plan, $2.50 and $3.00 per day. Rooms with running water, $2.50 and with bath, $3.00. As there will be matters of very great importance presented, a full attendance is desired.

Wisconsin.—THE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS OF REGISTERED NURSES will hold an examination for state registration in Milwaukee, October 17–18, 1916. Application blanks may be obtained from the office of Dr. J. M. Dodd, secretary of the Wisconsin Board of Medical Examiners, Ashland, Wisconsin. All applications should be on file by October 1. Anna J. Haswell, secretary of the Committee of Examiners, 1610 Jefferson Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

BIRTHS

On July 21, at Boston, Mass., a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. MacLeod. Mrs. Macleod was Lulu J. Haddon, class of 1911, Boothby Hospital, Boston, Mass.

On July 25, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. William McKenzie. Mrs. McKenzie was Myrtle Burford, class of 1908, St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.

In April, at Van Wert, Ohio, a daughter, Sarah Eleanor, to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Feigert. Mrs. Feigert was Bessie Link, class of 1905, Hope Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

MARRIAGES

On June 22, at Troy, N. Y., Anna Burke, Troy Hospital, to Frank R. Woodward.

On June 21, at Auburn, N. Y., Myrtle Louise Chatten, class of 1913, Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, N. Y., to Earl John Glanville.

On July 22, at San Antonio, Texas, Ada B. Cecil, class of 1916, Jewish Hospital,

St. Louis, Mo., to Cole T. Smith, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Smith will live in San Antonio.

On August 2, at Philadelphia, Pa., Ella Barbara Kurtz, class of 1896, Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., to Frederick John Conzelmann, M.D. Miss Kurtz was for many years the superintendent of nurses at the State Hospital, Ward's Island, N. Y. Dr. and Mrs. Conzelmann will live in Los Angeles, California.

On July 23, Ida Saums, class of 1916, Longmont Hospital, Longmont, Colo., to Lynn Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Cook will live in Longmont.

Recently, in Bridgeport, Conn., Cora Hester, class of 1912, Mercy Hospital, Davenport, Iowa, to John Reidy.

Recently, Alice Kibby, class of 1915, Mercy Hospital, Davenport, Iowa, to M. McGivern. Mr. and Mrs. McGivern will live in Davenport.

DEATHS

On July 27, at Tobyhanna, Pa., Louanna C. Rohrbacker, class of 1901, Maternity and Surgical Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., Miss Rohrbacker had been ill for some time and suffered greatly. She had nursed in Orange, N. J. for thirteen years, and her loss will be felt by her many patients and friends.

On July 23, at Worcester, Mass., Margaret Cote, class of 1904, Rhode Island College Hospital, Providence, R. I. Miss Cote practised her profession in Providence until five years ago, when her health failed and she went to Worcester. She was much loved by her friends, and highly respected by all who knew her.

At Hartford, Conn., Mary A. Farrell, class of 1916, St. Francis Hospital, Hartford. Miss Farrell underwent a surgical operation three months before she died. She was patient and uncomplaining, and was much loved by her patients and associates. Members of the alumnae association, and her classmates attended the funeral.

On July 25, at Denver, Colo., Mrs. Ella Norris Longmire, class of 1892, County Hospital, Denver. Mrs. Longmire was in poor health for a long time.

In May, at Lister Tubercular Sanitarium, Denver, Colo., Frieda Kretzman, class of 1913, Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Ind.